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Mr. Allen H. McCreight, Chief
Att'n: Mr. William Shackelford
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Dear Mr. McCreight:

Thank you for your letter of 24 October, forwarding 94 pages in response to my request (#55,879) for FBI records relating to myself.

(1) Additional files to be examined:

The material you sent indicates that a background investigation of me was initiated by Bureau letter of 1 March 1972 to San Francisco (62-114963-1). Files were opened in San Francisco (65-6091) and at the Washington Field Office (62-10351). Since the former is under an "espionage" caption, I am particularly concerned about getting all releasable records in these field office files. Would you please initiate a review of them.

The first page of the 1 March 1972 letter is quite illegible (copy enclosed). Similarly, a memo from San Francisco to HQ dated 22 May 1972 is illegible. I would like better copies, either from Bureau files or from the S.F. files.

Since the serial numbers are illegible on a number of the pages you sent, I would appreciate a copy of the inventory worksheet for Bufile 62-114963.

(2) Additional review of correspondence files:

Pursuant to my conversation with Bobbie Elkins on 10 October, the "62" files on my previous FOIA requests were reviewed only through 1972. The later material in those files turned out to be more interesting than I expected. As I understand it, in 1972 certain Justice Department officials felt that my 1971 request for the pre-assassination Oswald files had been handled badly, and they proposed a review of <u>all</u> the Oswald files, which are of course mostly post-assassination. The Bureau objected to this suggestion, and no such review was completed until late last year, when some 100,000 pages were released. That is, my request, and perhaps the arguments provided in support of it, seem to have had something to do with getting the general file review started. I would, therefore, like to see the post-1972 parts of these correspondence files.

I indicated earlier that it is more convenient for me not to pay for copies of my letters unless significant notations were added. However, it seems that letters from me constitute only a small part of these files. I don't think I should ask you to take the time to review these letters to see if the notations are significant, so if it is more convenient for you, you may as well send me everything in the post-1972 correspondence files.

(3) Review of specific deletions:

I would like to appeal the deletions in the enclosed HQ memo of 6 June 1972 to S.F. This is the last memo you sent concerning the investigation of me, but as it stands I can not tell if the FBI's interest in me as a subject was terminated at that time.

Your letter of 24 October said that four pages pertaining to me were denied. I also want to appeal that denial. I am puzzled by the description of one withheld page as a carbon copy of an available page, with no notations; it would seem that it could be released.

Sincerely yours,
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cc: Deputy AG